

**MEETING OF THE  
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
RUSH PAVILION- 4:00pm  
June 22, 2009**

The Lafayette Park and Recreation Board convened in regular meeting, June 22, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Rush Pavilion at Columbian Park.

The attached Agenda was delivered to each of the members of the Board by the Park Superintendent and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Maurie Denney. Also present were members Dawn Patterson and Vic Klinker. Park Attorney Joseph Bumbleburg was present.

Guests in attendance were Justin Mack from the Journal and Courier. Staff members present were Lindsey Huffman, Claudine Laufman, Tom Rankin and Parks Superintendent Ted Bumbleburg.

Upon motion made by member Patterson and seconded by member Klinker, the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

The Chairman called to the Board's attention general and non-reverting fund claims in the amount of \$92,473.26. Upon motion by Mr. Klinker, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the payment of those claims was unanimously approved. The Superintendent observed that one of the items was for the expense of the drain pipes to comply with the Virginia Graham-Baker Act.

The Superintendent's report is as follows:

1. The Department is about to commence on the 2010 budget planning cycle and have been advised by the Mayor and Controller to make every effort to keep the budget flat lined.
2. The matter of litigation by the State vs. the man who ran over the ducks and geese is in court to be in trial on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2009.
3. The Superintendent then reported that goose relocation had relocated 150 geese from Columbian Park Lagoon to the LaSalle, Indiana area under the control of the Department of Natural Resources and that there were currently on the lagoon less than a dozen ducks. The relocation of the geese will provide a great benefit to the Park in that two to three hours a day is currently spent in manpower cleaning the sidewalks and areas where the geese made their habitat. The Department of Natural Resources will band the geese at LaSalle and they will be able to track any return rate. The Superintendent reported that signs have been posted requesting the park patrons to not feed the geese and the ducks as that interrupts the migratory patterns of the birds.
4. Mr. Mecklenburg joined the meeting.
5. The Superintendent advised that a complaint has been filed with the Human Rights Commission of the City against the staff for an activity at the McAllister Center. Further information will be provided to the Board as is appropriate and timely.
6. The Superintendent presented to the Board the request for unpaid leave for Senior Zoo Keeper Valerie Edwards and advised the Board that the Zoo Keeper had not been an



employee long enough to receive benefits from the Department, but that it seemed appropriate for the Board to know and grants her leave. Upon motion by member Patterson, seconded by member Mecklenburg the unpaid leave was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Communications:

The Chairman read to the Board a Thank You note from a lady adjoining Arlington Park thanking the Board, the Staff and particularly those in security for attending to her problem about late night use in Arlington Park.

Mr. Denney then reported to the Board that in recent days he had been on the Lafayette Municipal Golf Course on two occasions and that it indeed was in as good of shape as any course that he had seen in this general area.

There was no public input.

Security Director Rankin observed that on the Zoo Relocation that it went very well and that he was impressed by the abilities of the parties.

Upon motion by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Patterson and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

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Joseph T. Bumbleburg, Secretary